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A BOND ELECTION TO ACQUIRE A MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM IN TROPICO SEEMS EMINENT. THE READERS OF THE SENTINEL ARE INVITED TO VOICE THEIR OPINIONS THROUGH THESE COLUMNS

TWO QUESTIONS THAT MUST BE DECIDED BY THE VOTERS OF TROPICO

First: Shall the people of Tropico acquire a water plant of their own, or shall they not?

The rate now charged water consumers is \$1.25 per month for 800 cu. ft. or under. This, however, is not a permanent rate. A short time ago a number of Tropico citizens petitioned the Railroad Commission of the State of California to fix a rate for water to be charged the consumers in Tropico, the hearing of the case was held before the commission in the City Hall and was attended by a few interested citizens. The Title Guarantee and Trust Co., who own and operate the present system, testified that their property is worth about \$90,000. It is not within the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission to question the actual ownership of property, or the methods by which it is acquired. The water company claimed ownership of a certain portion of Verdugo Canyon water (about 23 inches) and valued the same at \$2000 per inch. They also claimed certain real estate, all pipe lines within the city, wells, reservoirs, pumps, etc. The actual value of this entire property is fixed at a certain figure, and the rate to be charged for water is fixed accordingly.

The decision of the commission is withheld on the request of the Board of Trustees, because the fixing of the water rate also involves the fixing of a value upon the property of the company, and this would interfere with the present negotiations between the board and the water company in the fixing of a price to be paid the water company for its property in case the city decides to buy it.

The present price is \$50,000 and the consensus of opinion is that the offer of the water company is more advantageous to the city than a price fixed by the commission would be. We do not know the exact rate that the commission will fix (but it may be deducted from the proceedings at the hearing that the rate will be in excess of the present rate, probably as high as \$1.50 for 800 cu. ft.).

So the question must be decided as to whether the city shall acquire its own plant. If bonds are voted to do this the very important question arises as to how the money shall be expended. The people of Tropico are entitled to something for their money. A private corporation expending such a sum would be very careful to select the one best buy, in fact they want their money's worth, and so it must be with a city that expects to make a success of owning and operating any public utility.

The city, at this time, has before it

the report of Mr. Adams, a resident of Tropico, who advocates buying the present water plant. This report has been published in a former issue of the Sentinel, so it is unnecessary to go into details here regarding the plan. The main facts are that Tropico buy the present holdings of the water company for the sum of \$50,000, purchase a new reservoir site, build a supply pipe line from the canyon to a reservoir to be constructed, and renew certain portions of the present distributing system, the total cost to be \$75,000.

Conditions will then be as follows: One 1,500,000-gallon reservoir, new; pipe line from canyon through Glendale to supply it; one useless reservoir site in Tropico; one reservoir and property in Glendale; two lots in Tropico with present well on one of them, in bad condition, with pumping machinery in the same condition; some new pipe line in distributing system, the greater part to remain as it is. This portion, if subjected to a higher pressure (which the water from the new reservoir would have) would necessitate constant renewals and repairs, and some of it might disappear altogether. The right to use about 23 miner's inches of Verdugo Canyon water. This is surface water, and at a near date money must be expended to protect the same from contamination from the fast growing settlements in the canyon. The past history of this water shows there are times when it is insufficient to supply the city properly.

A lot of little things can be done with \$75,000.

For the sum of \$46,320 the entire city can be piped with good pipe, of a quality to stand high pressure, properly graded in size and so placed to best serve the city, not oversized in some places and undersized in others, as is the present system, where in one case there are five separate lines occupying one street.

The city has a right to do this. The water company is operating without a franchise from any source whatever.

For the sum of \$2000 (the price of one inch of canyon water) a permanent supply of water of from 150 to 200 inches of water can be developed within the city itself. Tropico can never use over 60 inches. There are two locations in the city where this water can be developed. This is not a guess, it is a proven fact.

Geologically, Tropico is the most favorably situated city in the county for water development. The town lies over the junction of two underground water courses, either of which will of itself supply the required water. This cost includes a permanent pit of concrete on which no repairs would be necessary for a long time.

The city has a legal right to de-

velop and use this water for the use of the citizens. To those who are afraid of the injunction "bugaboo," about which we hear so much, I respectfully refer you to the court records of the last injunction suit brought against water users in this valley, in which the decision of both courts is to the effect that only under certain conditions can such an injunction hold. Those conditions are now so utterly impossible to fulfill that there is no further question of the right of this city to use underground water.

For the sum of \$7400 pumping machinery in duplicate, with buildings, tools, etc., can be installed.

For about \$4000 to \$5000 all necessary lands for reservoir and wells can be acquired.

For \$6000 a two-compartment 1,000,000-gallon reservoir with ample filtering system can be constructed near the center of the city at such an elevation that a high pressure of water will exist at all points of the city now occupied by houses.

The cost of pumping water is a small item. It is less than the cost of having to constantly renew and repair old pipe lines. The old system of using Verdugo water requires a pumping system a portion of the year.

Let us look at Burbank and see what they are doing.

They own their own water plant, they developed water in two wells situated close together. They put in pumping machinery and went to work. They have a territory larger than Tropico to supply, requiring long runs of pipe. They supply 420 consumers, about half the number in Tropico. They pump their water 375 feet to supply their reservoir. Tropico would have a lift of less than 100 feet.

Their entire plant cost them \$45,000. Their charge is \$1.25 for 500 cu. ft. and a lower rate for irrigation. They are making it pay. They will pay off their bonds with the profits.

They pump with electric power from their own system, which, in turn, buys its power from the P. L. & P. Co. It costs them 1 1/2 c per KW.

If, under these adverse conditions, Burbank makes it pay, then Tropico can do even better. It can be done.

An outlay of \$66,720. Add 5% for emergency and supervision. Total, \$70,056.

Add to this money for a motor truck and for meters and we have a result about the same as that demanded for the old system.

Then we have got more water and better water, an entirely new plant, no repairs or renewals for a long time, everything within the city limits and under its control, and satisfaction of knowing we haven't been stung.

F. V. ASHTON.

TROPICO LIBRARY REPRESENTED AT SIXTH DISTRICT CALIFORNIA LIBRARY ASSN. MEETING

At the recent meeting of the Sixth District of the California Library Association held in the ball room of the Alexandria Hotel, both the Tropico and Glendale libraries were represented.

A most interesting and instructive program was presented.

Some of the most noteworthy contributors were the papers by Miss Haines, of Pasadena, and Miss Irene Warren, of the Library of the School of Education of Chicago University.

Miss Haines gave in her paper her personal impressions of some of the best novels of 1915.

A number of the most favorably mentioned will be found on the shelves of the Tropico Library.

Miss Warren's address was on the relation of the Public Library to the School Library, emphasizing especially the need of establishing good school libraries with efficient library service.

By the courtesy of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce a bountiful lunch was served the members in the banquet hall and at the close of the meeting they adjourned to the Los Angeles Public Library, where the busy activities of that institution were viewed.

One of the most valuable additions recently made to the Tropico Library is "Vocations," intended to present a comprehensive view of all the chief modern vocations and means of livelihood. The titles of the ten volumes of this set are as follows:

"The Mechanic Arts," by Richard MacLaurin.

"Home Making," by Marian Harland.

"Farm and Forest," by Liberty H. Bailey, A. M.

"Business," by Andrew Carnegie, LL. D.

"The Professions," by Hon. Melville W. Fuller.

"Public Service," by Hon. Jas. R. Garfield.

"Education," by Mary E. Woolley.

"Literature," by Henry Van Dyke, LL. D.

"Music and Drama," by Horatio Parker.

"The Fine Arts," by Kenyon Cox.

Other recent acquisitions are:

"Yesterdays with Authors," by Field.

"Canterbury Tales," translated.

"Master Skylark," by Bennett.

"The Pit," by Norris.

"The Story Girl" and "Kilmeny of the Orchard," by Montgomery.

"Judith Shakespeare," by Black.

"Completion of the Civil War Series," by Altschuler, and of the "European War Service," by the same author.

The last edition of the Victor Opera Book, which is kept on the reading table for reference, the old edition being allowed to circulate.

The following books have just arrived and will be put in circulation as soon as they can be accessioned. Reservations can be made for any of them at once, however:

"The Dear Enemy," by Webster.

"Tess of the Storm Country," by Grace White.

"Rose o' Paradise," by Grace White.

"Hepsey Burke," by Westcott.

"The Lost Prince," by Burnett.

"House of the Misty Star," by Frances Little.

"Beyond the Frontier," by Parrish.

"Heart's Kindred," by Zona Gale.

"Over Paradise Ridge," by Davies.

"Island of Surprise," by Brady.

"Nobody," by Vance.

"Mempfield," by Grayson.

"The Gray Dawn," by White.

"Children's Book of Thanksgiving Stories."

"Secret History," by the Williamsons.

"Camp Bob's Hill."

"Victory," by Joseph Conrad.

"Song of the Lark," by Cather.

"The Bent Twig," by Canfield.

"Julia Page," by Norris.

"Brunel's Tower," by Phillpotts.

"The Great Illusions," by Norman Angell.

RAINFALL - HEAVIEST IN YEARS AT THIS TIME OF THE SEASON

Starting on Saturday evening and practically keeping it up until Wednesday rain has caused some residents in the lowlands to worry over what might be another storm similar to the one that visited us two years ago. However, so far there has been but little damage. With the fall close to eight inches for the storm the Los Angeles river has become a real river and the Los Feliz bridge has been declared unsafe. For a time on Monday morning traffic on the P. E. was delayed.

SEASON'S RAINFALL

Taken from Southern Pacific Railway's report of rainfall:

November	1.30 in.
December	2.32 in.
January, to date	11.16 in.
Total	14.78 in.

Mrs. Charles A. Barker entertained the members of Chapter A. H. P. O. E. Sisterhood at her home on Glendale avenue, last Friday evening.

33RD TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHT TEMPLARS

An event of great interest to all citizens of Southern California is the coming meeting in Los Angeles, June 17 to 23, next, of one of the most important conventions held in the United States, namely, the 33rd Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States. This will bring together not only all of the distinguished Masons of our own country, but will include a number of famous representatives of Masonry in Canada and England. Approximately one hundred trains will bear the distinguished visitors to Southern California, for the Triennial Conclave of Knights Templar is the one important convention which will be held on the Pacific Coast during 1916.

For Conclave Week, a very elaborate program of entertainment has been prepared, consisting of magnificent Knights Templar parades, electrical pageants and a wonderful floral parade. The opening event of the campaign to give publicity to the great convention, in order that all of Southern California may be aware of the unusual opportunity afforded to properly entertain our guests, will be the great Knights Templar Review and Ball at Shrine Auditorium, 655 West Jefferson Street, Saturday evening, Jan. 22, at 8 o'clock.

The following Commanderies will participate in the great Knights Templar Review:

Los Angeles Commandery No. 9, Los Angeles.

Saint Bernard Commandery No. 23, San Bernardino.

Riverside Commandery No. 28, Riverside.

Pasadena Commandery No. 31, Pasadena.

Santa Ana Commandery No. 36, Santa Ana.

Southern California Commandery No. 37, Pomona.

Long Beach Commandery No. 40, Long Beach.

Golden West Commandery No. 43, Los Angeles.

Redlands Commandery No. 45, Redlands.

Alhambra Commandery No. 48, Alhambra.

Covina Commandery No. 49, Covina.

Whittier Commandery No. 51, Whittier.

Glendale Commandery No. 53, Glendale.

The Review will be a never to be forgotten sight, and will be followed by a grand ball. All Masons and their wives are cordially invited to attend.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS ARE NAMED

At the regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Tropico, held on Jan. 11, O. S. Richardson was chosen as Vice President to succeed B. W. Richardson, deceased. The officers and directors chosen for the ensuing year were: Dan Campbell, President; O. S. Richardson, Vice President; John A. Logan, Cashier; Directors, Dan Campbell, John A. Logan, O. S. Richardson, W. H. Bullis, Robert De Vinne. The new system of savings banks for children is a new department lately added.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEET IN REGULAR WEEKLY SESSION

Present Trustees Alpach, Henry No quorum present
No business transacted
Meeting adjourned until Wednesday evening.

DECEMBER PERMITS OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

According to the report of the Building Inspector for the month of December, activities in the building line kept up very satisfactorily, considering the fact that the country is, according to the pessimist, going to the dogs. The following is the report: F. A. Alspach, addition.

W. J. Roake, improvements.
H. C. Woodward, improvements.
Willy Kohl, improvements.
L. Kaster, improvements.
A. Allen, plumbing.
C. R. Carmack, plumbing.
S. Veselich, cesspool.
H. Davenport, electric.
W. J. Clendennin, electric.
Carpi Bros., electric.
F. A. Alspach, electric.
L. Fischer, electric.
P. L. Ferry, electric.
Frank Ashton, electric.
H. C. Woodward, electric.
L. A. Basket Co., gas.

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and Prayer Meeting. A cordial wel-

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ing, 7:00 p. m.

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Hour, 7:45 p. m.; Sacrament of Lord's
Supper, first Sunday in March, June,
September and December.

Rev. O. P. Rider, Minister, resi-
dence 208 East Acacia, Tropic.
Phone: Glendale 351M.

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Ave., Glendale—Rev. Jas S. O'Neil
rector. Holy mass on Sundays at
8 and 10:30. Sunday school at 9
o'clock. Baptisms at 2 p. m.
Week day mass at 7:30 p. m.**

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

Glendale. Services in the Masonic Hall
on Brand Boulevard. Sunday, 11 a. m.;
Wednesday, 8 p. m. Sunday School,
9:30 a. m. Reading room, Parker &
Sternberg Bldg., 415½ Brand Blvd.,
open daily from 12 to 4 p. m.
A FREE READING ROOM

A free reading-room is maintained
by First Church of Christ, Scientist,
of Glendale, at 415½ Brand boule-
vard, and is open daily, except Sun-
days and holidays, from 12 m. to 4
p. m., and on Friday evenings from
7:30 to 9:00. The Bible and auth-
orized Christian Science literature
may be read or purchased at this
room. The public is cordially invited.

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ITEMS IN BRIEFParagraphs of Interest to
Readers of Golden State

News of All Kinds Gathered From
Various Points in the State and So
Reduced in Size That it Will Appeal
to All Classes of Our Readers.

Plans are being made for a branch
library at Ocean Park.

John E. Nolan was nominated post-
master at Jamestown, Cal.

Outsiders are soon to be allowed to
build on the campus at Stanford.

Mayor R. B. Reibenstein of Stockton
died last week from heart trouble.

It is proposed to make Esparto vot-
ing precinct a judicial township.

Los Angeles has been selected as the
convention city for 1917 by the Bap-
tists.

A number of sales of farming lands
have been made recently around Ox-
nard.

Mayor Rolph of San Francisco was
operated on a few days ago for appen-
dicitis.

The total income of the State Mo-
tor Vehicle Department to date is
\$1,371,353.60.

The body of H. D. Gill, former City
Attorney of Vallejo, was found in the
bay last week.

San Bernardino is to have a fine
two-story block at Court and F streets,
to cost \$30,000.

Two Japanese lost their lives and
property worth \$75,000 was destroyed
in a fire at Visalia.

C. A. Pringle of San Francisco was
one of the men killed by the Villa
bandits at Santa Isabel.

A landslide over the tracks of the
Southern Pacific between Martinez and
Port Costa was reported.

John D. Spreckels, Jr., millionaire,
recently spend two days in jail at Red-
wood City, for speeding.

The County Clerk of San Jose is pre-
paring to bring a friendly suit in court
to clear up the registration laws.

Long distance conversation will be
one of the features of the inaugural
ceremonies at Stanford University.

According to the report of Postmaster
E. J. Crane, the Menlo postoffice show-
ed a large gain in business for 1915.

Capt. Chas. Howland in his annual
report recommends that Alcatraz Island
be fortified as the key to the harbor.

Improvements at the Mare Island
Navy Yard have been practically as-
sured by the House Naval Affairs Com-
mittee.

The Forest Service is drilling a well
at the Cabin Lake range station, near
Fort Rock, in the northern part of Lake
County.

The orchardists of the Paradise agri-
cultural belt in Butte county have or-
ganized an irrigation district, compris-
ing 14,400 acres.

Oakland has passed an ordinance es-
tablishing a "safety zone" excluding
the jitney buses from the business dis-
trict of the city.

The report of Probation Officer
Frank Lane of Marysville, shows a
total of sixty-four Juvenile Court
cases during 1915.

A free testing bureau has been estab-
lished at Redding to determine whether
malaria germs are hidden in the veins
of citizens of that place.

At a meeting of the State Board of
Agriculture at Sacramento it was de-
cided to hold the 1916 State Fair from
September 2nd to 9th, 1916.

Twelve of the forty relatives of the
late Amos W. Keith of Fresno county
have begun action to contest his will.
His estate is valued at \$100,000.

A third company is soon to take over
the Home and Pacific Telephone and
Telegraph Company at Santa Barbara.
The two companies will be merged.

Three hundred and sixty service med-
als were given out by the Standard Oil
Company to employees in California for
continuous service of ten years or more.

Citizens of Siskiyou County have
been asking that more than 50,000 acres
of the Klamath bird reserve be with-
drawn and thrown open to homestead
entry.

Work on the electric road between
Martinez and Concord will start with-
in thirty days. No financial aid is as-
ked, only patronage, which has been
pledged.

"Courtship parlors" will be required
in all licensed rooming-houses of Ox-
nard if the proposition as placed before
the City Trustees by Justice C. J. El-
liott carries.

Floyd Smith, pilot for an aeroplane
company, smashed the American alti-
tude record for hydro-aeroplanes with
one passenger at San Diego, when he
ascended 12,362 feet.

There are thirteen saloons in Ken-
nett. The City Trustees of Kennett
have directed the drafting of an ordi-
nance increasing saloon licenses from
\$75 to \$100 a quarter.

A. G. Kelly, pioneer guard at San
Quentin Prison, died at the Cottage
Hospital in San Rafael a few days ago.
He had been on the guard line at San
Quentin for thirty years.

Reports from San Bernardino stated
that the temperature at the Govern-
ment station there was 36 degrees, but
increasing cloudiness probably would
prevent freezing weather.

The Woodland Promotion Club has
ordered a dozen paper balloons of from
eight to ten feet in height which they
will inflate and send up as a final wind-
up of a clearance sale week.

The State Highway bridge spanning
Wildcat creek in the town of San Pablo
was washed out last week. High water
in both San Pablo and Wildcat creeks
reached the fifteen foot mark.

A score of the girls of the Talare
High School have planned on the or-
ganization of a pig club. Prizes are to
be awarded for the most successful
methods in swine husbandry.

The State Board of Control has pur-
chased for the State thirty-three motor
trucks costing \$76,457, to be used ex-
clusively in connection with the main-
tenance of the State highways.

There were 124,000 tons of raisins
produced in California during 1915, ac-
cording to Edgar M. Sheehan, Secretary
of the State Viticultural Commission,
as against 90,000 tons in 1914.

The Southern Pacific and the Santa
Fe companies have arranged for a rate
of 62½ cents per 100 pounds on can-
ned milk from California points to
Eastern and intermediate points.

Word has been received of the escape
of Frank Black, former resident of Liv-
ermore, from the guard of General Lopez,
one of Villa's bandit band com-
manders, near Chihuahua, Mexico.

Better than two cents a pound is
what Homer Fox, manager for the Col-
ton Orange Growers' Association has
been able to return to the growers who
participated in the Christmas pool.

Foreman Miller of Richmond was the
only man in California to receive a ser-
vice medal from the Standard Oil Com-
pany for forty-five years of continuous
service in the employ of the company.

Rising temperatures accompanied by
cloudy weather, aided citrus-growers
of Southern California in their fight
against the frost which threatened dam-
age to the orange and lemon groves.

Peachgrowers of every large distrib-
uting center of dried fruit in the state
were formally organized into a co-op-
erative buying and marketing concern
at a meeting held at Fresno a few days
ago.

Mathew A. Schmidt, convicted of
murder two weeks ago in Los Angeles
in connection with the dynamiting of
the Times building five years ago, was
sentenced to life imprisonment in San
Quentin prison.

A mandamus action has been brought
by Justice of the Peace J. B. Cox of
Santa Ana against County Auditor
W. C. Jerome in an attempt to se-
cure increases of salaries for most of
the Justices of Orange county.

Five of the nineteen Americans who
were killed in the Mexican massacre
at Santa Isabel last week were Los An-
geles men. They are: C. R. Watson,
E. L. Robinson, J. P. Coy, Richard
Peale McHilton, W. D. Pearce.

P. J. Dreher, manager of the San
Antonio Fruit Exchange has made a
careful canvass of the crop situation in
the Pomona valley, and he places his
estimate at 4000 cars of oranges and
200 cars of lemons on the trees.

In committee of the whole the House
adopted provisions of the mineral and
leasing bill which will grant leasing
rights to oil operators in California
oil fields who were dispossessed by
President Taft's withdrawal order.

Reports from the Half Moon Bay
artichoke districts show that the crop
has suffered more from the cold this
season than any previous year, the ex-
tent of the damage to the half-mil-
lion dollar crop being about \$200,000.

Peach growers of Tulare county have
announced their determination of fight-
ing the further extension of the Peach
Growers' Association, following the
action of stockholders in their refusal
to name a Tulare county man to the
board of directors.

J. H. Shirk, the Deputy Horticultural
Commissioner for the Tulare district,
has just condemned 3000 young prune
trees, shipped to the William Swall
ranch from a Northern California nur-
sery. The stock was found badly in-
fested with crown borers.

Credits are to be allowed the school
children of Glenn county for splitting
kindling, washing dishes, milking cows,
caring for the baby, baking bread, tak-
ing a bath or practicing a music les-
son. Going to bed at 9 o'clock is worth
five credits, and gathering the eggs one
credit.

Convinced of the success of the fly
catching campaign waged in Riverside
the City Council has decided on a con-
tinuation of the policy of employing a
sanitary inspector to look after the in-
terests of the city along this line. A
salary of \$75 per month will attach
to the position.

Charles G. Johnson, State Superin-
tendent of Weights and Measures, is
preparing to issue an order establish-
ing the sale of sand for building pur-
poses by cubic measure, instead of by
ton. Investigation reveals that sand
heretofore has contained a large per-
centage of water.

The heaviest fall of snow in ten
years has covered the foothills and
mountains near Grass Valley to a depth
of from 14 inches to as many feet to-
ward the summit of the Sierra Nevada.
Grass Valley is without domestic water
supply, except for a small reserve held
in the case of fire.

Arthur R. Green, an Auburn attorney,
will have his stomach removed by a San
Francisco specialist. Green's stomach
is hardening like leather and has not
performed any of its functions for
months. Specialists believe it possible
for him to live a number of years with-
out a stomach if he is careful about his
diet.

HOW TO GET THIS \$2.25 ALUMINUM GRIDDLE AT A SAVING OF \$1.40

Get 50 cents worth of Karo from your grocer, and send
the labels to us together with 85 cents and we'll send you
this \$2.25 Solid Aluminum Griddle by prepaid parcel post.

HERE is a clean cash saving of \$1.40—and thousands of
housewives have already taken advantage of this remark-
able chance to get an aluminum griddle for less than the
wholesale price.

This Aluminum Griddle needs no greasing. It doesn't chip or
rust. It heats uniformly over entire baking surface—doesn't
burn the cakes in one spot and leave them underdone in another.
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ible than when fried in grease.

At great expense we are seeking to place a Karo Aluminum
Griddle in the homes of all Karo users, so that Karo—the famous
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deliciously baked cakes that can be made.

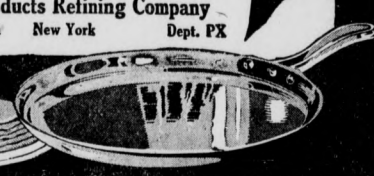
You know Karo, of course. Nearly everybody does—65,000,000
cans sold last year alone. And you doubtless know the wonder-
ful cleanliness and durability of Aluminum ware.

If you are a Karo user already then you know all about this
wonderful syrup—you know how fine it is as a spread for bread;
how delicious it is with griddle cakes, waffles, hot biscuits and
corn bread.

Get 50 cents worth of Karo from your grocer at once, and
send the labels and 85 cents (P. O. money order or stamps)
to us and get one of these Aluminum Griddles by prepaid
parcel post.

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Every man and woman in Tropico who desires to vote this year will have to register. The state law requires every voter to register every two years, so please remember if you have not registered since Jan. 1, 1916, you will have to do so to enable you to vote. The Tropico city election will be held in April, at which time there will be elected three Trustees, City Clerk and City Treasurer.

W. A. Dutton has been appointed as Deputy Registration Clerk for Tropico and he is making the rounds of the city calling at the homes and registering all who so desire. After making a canvass of the city Mr. Dutton will make his headquarters at some store and the public will be notified and invited to come to him.

Tropico has outgrown the two precinct plan and at the coming election the city will be divided into four precincts.

Precinct No. 1—East of Brand Blvd. and north of Cypress to Glendale, Glendale to Moore, Moore to City Limits.

Precinct No. 2—West of Brand Blvd. and north of Cypress to City Limits.

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Precinct No. 4—East of Brand Blvd. and south of Cypress to Glendale, Glendale to Moore, Moore to City Limits.

YOUNG FOLK ARE EN- TERTAINED IN HONOR OF RICHARD BURK

Last Wednesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Burk entertained a large number of young people in honor of their son Richard, who had attained the age of 18, in the assembly room at the Pearl S. Keller School of Dancing and Dramatic Art, 123 South Brand Blvd. Pearl S. Keller had charge of the affair and proved herself capable of arranging entertainment as well as decorations and refreshments.

The decorations, both indoors and outside, were made with Japanese lanterns so arranged as to give the best possible decorative motif. "Favor" dance numbers prevailed and many clever gifts were claimed. Receiving with the young host were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Burk, and Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Martin. Bidden for dancing and to enjoy a slice of the huge birthday cake bearing 18 lighted candles, were the Misses Mary Jane Evans, Katherine Lord, Esther Sinclair, Dorothy Hobbs, Bebe Daniels, Eloise Seaman, Cecelia Lyons, Vera Bayard, Grace Beach, Maud and Rebecca Gregg, Lillian Leppleman and Rachel McClure, the Messrs. Edward M. Seay, Wayne Smith, Harry Glazier, Louis Coole, Montgomery Coole, Steve Haviland, James Shea, Owen Dibbern, J. T. Beach, I. S. Brown, Harwood Collins, Percy McIntyre, H. Davy, H. Dailley, Robert Burk and the honored host for the evening, Richard Burk.

Theatre to Open

The Star Theatre, under new management and under a new name, will reopen the last of the month. Robt. A. Oliver has leased the theater and with a force of carpenters and painters will invade the show house and will rapidly transform it into a new theater. Mr. Oliver is making arrangements for up-to-date releases and promises to make the theater a popular place of amusement.

Postponement

Owing to the rain the mono-drama, "Rip Van Winkle," to be given by Mr. Frederick Wilson at the K. P. Hall last Monday evening was postponed until a later date. At the regular meeting of the Knights the date for the big contest banquet was set for the first week in February.

"A BACHELOR'S ROMAN- CE" CALLS LARGE CROWD AT BOTH PERFORMANCES

The play, "A Bachelor's Romance," given last Tuesday and Wednesday at the Palace Grand theater, under the auspices of the Masonic Order, was a success and many people from Tropico were in attendance and listened to Tropico and Glendale talent again show themselves capable.

Miss Gladys Justema, who enacted the leading role with Chas. L. Peckham, gave to her hearers all that was supposed to be in her part as David Holmes' ward.

Mr. Peckham, as David Holmes, evidently went into the part with the intention of being as thorough as possible in his endeavors to enact the character in the way the author had intended.

Dwight Stephenson as Gerald, the care-free brother, again showed his versatility as a polished actor. Nothing overdone, but still perfection, showing careful study and ability.

Owen Rhodes portrayed the character assigned to him with ease, showing him to be endowed with natural instincts so absolutely necessary in all public appearances.

James Henry Ilse exercised originality in his part in a way that brought him to the front as a depicter of characters.

J. Frank Little, Owen C. Emery and Stanley Gorman all carried their parts with the aptitude of professionals.

Miss Rae Davis was exceedingly clever in her impersonation of Miss Clementina.

Mrs. Harry Neil, as David's sister, looked the part. Alma Turner was also very clever.

The entire cast showed their careful training from the hands of Mr. Willis Marks, and the large crowd which attended both performances showed their appreciation on every hand.

Ladies Planning Card Party at K. P. Hall

Women who are interested in the municipal playground assembled at the home of Mrs. Charles A. Barker, last Wednesday afternoon and arranged for a large card party to be given Wednesday evening, Jan. 26, in K. P. Hall, on San Fernando Blvd. Whist, Five Hundred and Auction Bridge will afford the evening's entertainment. Hostesses for the various games will include Mrs. Charles Wallace Kimberly, Miss Cora Hickman, Miss Blanche Shea and Mrs. Charles A. Buck, Five Hundred; Mrs. Earl V. Coleman and Mrs. John H. Seaman, Whist; Mrs. O. Earl Clements and Mrs. William Harvey, Jr., Auction Bridge.

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Mrs. Earl V. Coleman and Mrs. John H. Seamon will furnish tickets to all who desire to assist in this worthy cause. Tickets are but 25 cents, and all who are interested in the municipal playground are urged to buy at least one ticket. Handsome prizes have been donated for the several games.

In commenting upon the installation of the K. of P.'s and Pythian Sisters officers in our last issue we unintentionally disarranged the respective officers of the Pythian Sisters. Past Chief is Mrs. Josie Beyea; Most Excellent Chief, Miss Blanche Shea; Most Excellent Senior, Mrs. Tina Hammond. Also, Mrs. A. J. McAdams, who presided at the piano during the installation of the Knights, was relieved by Mrs. Robert Danner during the installation of the Sisters.

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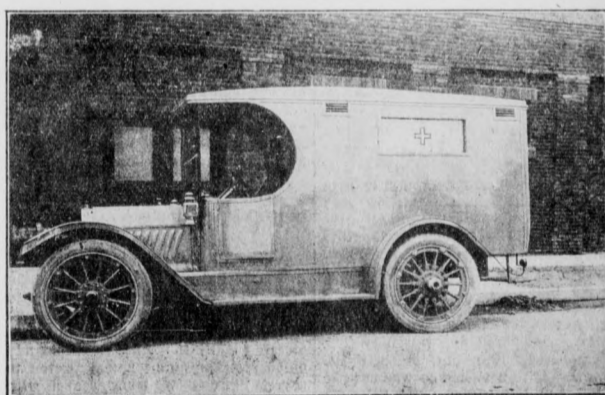
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Was It Spirit Or Illusion?

By F. A. MITCHEL

There is nothing so strong in nature as the chains that draw two persons together, and nothing better typifies it than two vines that originally could have been broken apart by a child's delicate fingers, each becoming after a lapse of, say, half a century as large as an athlete's biceps and much harder to bend.

The most remarkable case of this kind came under my observation. I will relate the story.

Donald Gregory, when he was too young to remember the fact, became a playmate of a little girl about his own age, Ella Marston. Their parents' places were side by side, and the children, neither having brother or sister, were together all day. Then they went to the same kindergarten and afterward to the same school. Their first and only separation was when Donald went to college. They pined for each other, and he neglected his studies to write her long letters, receiving equally long replies. When the first examinations came on, though a bright fellow, he failed. This ended his college career. He returned to his love and was never again separated from her till half a century later, when death claimed her.

They were married when the groom was nineteen, the bride eighteen. A son was born to them and a daughter. The former lived; the latter died in infancy. Till the son came to manhood he remained with his parents. Then he broke away to engage in business at another location.

Even in their youth they had few intimate associates and after coming to middle age dropped away from anything social. Those who knew them wondered at this, for they were both attractive and popular. Efforts to get them into social undertakings always failed.

Mrs. Gregory died at seventy. It was a year after this that I made the acquaintance of their son, now a man of nearly fifty. Strange it is that with his parents' happy married life before him he never married. When his mother died he persuaded his father to come to live with him. I had made George Gregory's acquaintance some time before this, and when his father appeared on the scene George and I, both bachelors, were intimate, I being at his house frequently.

When I was introduced to his father I saw a handsome old gentleman with a florid complexion and white hair and mustache. It struck me that if I were a woman I would fall in love with him no matter what was his age. George told me of the close relationship between his father and his late mother, and when the latter died he feared his father would lose his reason. But his father seemed to settle down to an acceptance of his fate and in a measure apparently ceased to grieve. His son noticed something about him which he communicated to no one. I discovered it for myself.

One day when going to George Gregory's house I saw his father putting his night key into the door. He opened it, stepped back as if waiting for some one to enter, then went in himself. The matter made but little impression on me till later I heard the old gentleman talking to himself in the library. At first, thinking that he was reading aloud, I permitted myself to overhear him. I soon became aware that he was talking to some one whom he called "my dear." The two episodes together set me to wondering, and I narrated them to his son. George sighed and said:

"So you have noticed it. I have known that of which you have seen evidence ever since father came to live with me. He ever has my mother with him—just how I don't know. Whether he sees her spirit, whether he fancies that it is present with him, whether he hears her replies when he talks to her—all this is a puzzle to me. I have often heard him talking to her as you heard him, and he says the same things to her that he was used to saying while she lived, only they are more endearing. He was always during her life as gallant to her as when they were young lovers, and when he fancies she is with him he will not sit while she stands, will not go through a doorway without waiting till she has gone before him. I have seen him come into the house after having been out of an evening and remove her wraps as tenderly as he ever did while she was with him in the flesh. He had a way of sometimes walking with her hand in hand, and since her death I have often seen him swinging his arm through the empty air as I often saw him do it when I was a boy."

"Do you observe," I asked, "whether after apparently being with her he is more or less gloomy?"

"He is never what we call gloomy, though there is a certain sadness always in his eyes. It seems to me that Providence, in whose sight such lover-like lives as were his and my mother's must be acceptable, has made some physical change in his brain which causes an illusion to comfort him till the day shall come when he will be reunited to her."

"Did it ever occur to you," I asked, "that the strong affection between him and your mother has enabled him to see and commune with her spirit?"

"It has," was the reply, "but I don't know."

Since then the same door has closed behind Donald Gregory that closed behind his wife.

The KITCHEN CUPBOARD

CHICKEN IN RICE.

DINNER MENU.
Orange Soup.
Chicken in Rice.
Cheese Fritters, Green Pea and Potato Salad.
Zwieback Pudding.

Chicken in Rice.

CLEAN chicken and soak in cold water. Season with salt, pepper, celery, ginger and nutmeg. Let boil for two hours and try with a fork. Pick over two cupfuls rice and blanch in water. Boil in water until tender. Season with a little melted butter and salt. Beat up the yolks of two eggs and pour over the rice. Add a small amount of chicken broth. Serve chicken on platter and garnish with rice and parsley.

Orange Soup.

Take the juice of twelve oranges and two lemons. Boil the sliced rind of three oranges, one lemon with four cupfuls of water and one cupful of sugar for ten minutes. Add the juice and two tablespoonfuls of cornstarch dissolved in a little cold water. Cook slowly for twenty minutes. Serve in cups.

Cheese Fritters.

Cut one-half dozen large tart apples in thin slices. Cook quickly. Prepare half the number of slices of cheese. Beat up one or two eggs and season with salt, mustard and pepper. Soak the cheese in the egg mixture. Then put a slice of cheese between slices of apple, sandwich style. Dip in the beaten egg, saute in hot butter and serve hot.

Green Pea and Potato Salad.

Mix equal parts of cold cooked peas and potatoes cut in small cubes. Season with salt and pepper. Serve as a green pea salad.

Zwieback Pudding.

Soak a pound of zwieback in a little water. Beat up two eggs and add half a cupful of milk. Season with sugar and cinnamon. Grease a form with butter and arrange the zwieback in form. Pour the milk over and bake in oven for fifteen minutes.

Mock Mince Pie.—Cracker crumbs, one-fourth cupful; sugar, one-fourth cupful; molasses, one-fourth cupful; lemon juice or vinegar, one-sixth cupful; raisins, seeded and chopped, one-half cupful; butter, one-fourth cupful, or suet, one-half cupful; one egg, well beaten; spices. Mix ingredients in order given; spice to taste and bake between crusts.

Anna Thompson.

The KITCHEN CUPBOARD

CASSEROLE DISHES.

Hamburg Steak.

TAKE one pound of Hamburg steak, one heaping tablespoonful of butter, one heaping tablespoonful of flour, one chopped onion, one cupful of stock or water, one tablespoonful of chopped parsley and a few fried bread croutons. Salt and pepper to taste. Heat the butter in an earthenware dish, add onion, fry until brown; then add flour, stirring well together. Add gradually water or stock and simmer for ten minutes. Add the Hamburg steak and cook slowly for half an hour. Baste occasionally. Season with salt, pepper and parsley, and place on top before serving a few nicely fried bread croutons.

Irish Stew.

Take four pounds of mutton neck, five large onions, two pounds of potatoes, one tablespoonful of chopped parsley, salt and pepper to taste and water to cover. Cut meat into neat pieces, put it into a large casserole, add onions, sliced, and enough water to cover. Simmer two hours, season with salt and pepper. Add potatoes, sliced thinly. Cover closely and simmer another hour. Sprinkle in parsley just before serving.

Kidneys en Casserole.

Take three sheep's kidneys, one-half cupful of chopped suet, two cupfuls of breadcrumbs, one-half pint of milk, two eggs, one tablespoonful of chopped parsley, one teaspoonful of powdered herbs and salt and pepper to taste. Skin and chop kidneys, put into a basin with suet, breadcrumbs, milk, eggs (well beaten), parsley, herbs and seasonings. Mix well and turn into a buttered casserole and let simmer until the kidneys are tender. Serve with bread croutons.

Chicken Creole.—Melt one-quarter cupful of butter, add two tablespoonfuls of chopped sweet green pepper and two tablespoonfuls of chopped onion and cook gently for five minutes. Add three tablespoonfuls of flour, stir until well blended; then add gradually a cupful of chicken stock and a cupful of tomato puree and stir until smooth and thick. Season with a teaspoonful of grated horseradish, a teaspoonful of lemon juice and one-half teaspoonful of salt; add two cupfuls of chopped chicken, cook until thoroughly heated, turn on a hot platter and surround with boiled rice.

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